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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 5090 AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATURE'S IMPACT ON EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE.

Dear Senator Catherine Osten, Representative Peter Tercyak, Senator Terry Gerratana, Representative Ezequiel Santiago, Senator Joe Markley, Representative Richard Smith, and members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee,

I submit this testimony in support of House Bill 5090, AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATURE'S IMPACT ON EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE.

The purpose of this bill is to require that when a bill, resolution, or amendment will affect employment in our state that it also have an attached job impact statement. These statements would estimate how these proposals would impact employment in Connecticut, including how many jobs would potentially be created or lost and if the legislation impacts a specific industry or way of doing business. These impact statements could be included in either the fiscal note or the bill summary, and would be instrumental in the process to see how these proposals would particularly affect employment in the state, as it is rather unfortunate that we, as legislators, create laws that potentially impact employment in our state without fully understanding how these proposals would affect the workforce. During these tough economic times, we, as a legislature, should be doing all that we can to spur economic growth, and I believe that with this proposal, we will be able to garner information that will ultimately help us make the most informed decisions to help foster economic growth.

I urge the committee's favorable consideration of House Bill 5090.